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And REASONS for not Paying

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The KING of *SPAIN*'s MANIFESTO, &c.

I *PHILIP* the King, and Queen *Betty* my Wife,
A peaceable Pair all the Days of our Life,
Tho' nat'rally nice in Punctilios of Honour,
As e'er got on Woman, or took Man upon Her,
Thro' Care of Ourſelves have ſo * truckled and cring'd,
That much We perceive this our Honour infring'd.
The *Engliſh*, a Nation of Bullies and Tars,
Still factious in Peace, but unconquer'd in Wars,
So long about Captures have kept a loud Fuſs,
(Tho' ſure they'll know better, when tutor'd by Us)
That, had it not been for our Temper aforeſaid,
But a Word and a Blow, Sirs! there had been no more ſaid;
The Laws of Good Neighbourhood long had been broken;
As know all Their Agents with whom We have ſpoken.
For Inſtance: We gave their own Miniſtry Pow'rs
Their † Claims to o'er-value, and under-rate ours:

* *See the Account of his many Conceſſions in the* Addreſs to the Electors, *&c.*

† *According to His Majeſty's Syſtem, our juſt Complaints amount to a mere Triſle, tho' we reckon them at an exorbitant Sum; but his own come to whatever he thinks proper, and are varied at Pleaſure.*

A Practice unuſual in ſettling Accounts:

But all other Motives our Goodneſs ſurmounts.
And when, by Conſent, for more ready Remittance,
On Subjects of *Britain* We charg'd a ſmall Pittance,
(Of ninety-five Thouſand, 'twas but * ſixty-eight)
The Company drawn on refuſing to pay't,
We might have retracted, that Miniſtry know;
Yet order'd Don *Geraldine*, our Plenipo,
To raiſe the † whole Money in *London* by Loan:
God knows! We had not ſo much Caſh of our own!
No ſooner was ſign'd and confirm'd the Convention,
——But We, *Bourbon*-like, of moſt upright Intention,
Our Squadrons diſarm'd, ſent our Orders abroad:
(Who can help if thoſe Orders were || loſt on the Road?)
Unlike what *Great Britain* has done all this while:
No Orders She ſent, nor once alter'd Her Stile;
But, leſt in Performance our Honour ſhould falter,
Her *Haddock* She mov'd from *Mahon* to *Gibraltar*;
A Place more commodious for giving us Law:
There kept our good Subjects in Terror and Awe.
Her King did beſides, what hath ſeldom been known,
Take the Cauſe of his Subjects, and make it his own:

* *And this too when his Catholic Majeſty did not owe the ſaid Company above* 700,000 l. *on an old Account. Amazing Condeſcenſion!*

† *That is, the whole* 95,000 l. *in lieu of about a Million and an Half.*

|| *It does not appear that they ever arrived.*

Not

Not ſtrove to * compel, with Prerogative true,
To pay on our Claim——what had never been due.
These Points, by our Order, were argued between
Don *Villarias* for Us, and for *England* Don *Keene*:
Their Fleet, We declar'd, muſt remove from our Coaſt;
Or their hopeful Convention, (God bleſs it!) were loſt.
But theſe our Remonſtrances meeting Neglect,
That Nought might be wanting which We could effect,
We gave, from the firſt, our two Plenipoes Charge,
To ſet forth our previous Demands more at large:
Which only amounted to This in the Groſs,
That *England* ſhould † calmly ſit down with Her Loſs;
That each injur'd Merchant ſhould buy him a new Rope.
Now what think our Brethren, the Princes of *Europe*?
Our Dons from theſe Gentlemen met a Rebuff:
And Orders came ſtraight to their Admiral Bluff,
That He, in good earneſt, ſhould cruize on our Shore;
Where, Faith! he moſt narrowly miſs'd our whole Store.
The *Engliſh* have likewiſe put || ſomething in Print,
A moſt terrible Piece, with no Complaiſance in't!
Which ſhews they reſolve, on their preſent Pretence,
To do Themſelves right——in a literal Senſe!

* *The whole Criſis of our Affairs did indeed ſeem to depend on the Reſolution of the* South-Sea *Company, which happily contained an entire Diſapprobation of what had been ſtipulated for them; ſo that the preſent Quarrel, ſince the Convention, ſeems entirely on their Behalf.*

† *No leſs than this could be meant by their requiring our Fleet to go home before any thing was done, as appears by their Conduct on parallel Occaſions.*

|| *The Reſolution of Council, which the good Cardinal* Fleury *chriſten'd a moſt terrible Reſolution!*

A Deſign that from Them We could never have ſmelt:
But the Fruits of it ſome of our Subjects have felt.
A Worm, were he able, when trod on would fight:
And tho', as We told you, Peace is our Delight;
Yet, ſince 'tis a Fault We ſhould blame in another,
Reſentment ſo ſtrong any longer to ſmother,
On ev'ry Thing *Engliſh* We order Repriſal,
Ships, Chattels, Effects, whereſoever it lies all:
Reſtraining our Subjects, for fear of Diſaſter,
From taking one Veſſel but what they can maſter.
And this our Good Pleaſure We ſcorn to diſſemble,
That all may obſerve what We tell them, and tremble.

I THE KING.

REASONS, &c.

The following Reaſons Don Philip *forth ſets,*
For breaking his Word, and not paying his Debts.

FIRST, be it obſerv'd, that in Contracts like this,
Th' Engagement is cancell'd when one acts amiſs:
Ergo, ſince *Great Britain* has fail'd to make good,
(Which Theſis We gladly would prove——if We cou'd)
The Part ſhe took on Her; it follows of courſe,
As She has done wickedly, *Spain* may do worſe.
The Field of Her Failures we will not enlarge in:
How many they are may be * ſeen in the Margin.

* *By the Numeral Letters.*

Both

VII. But laſt, and what chiefly in dudgeon we take,
Who hold that both *Indies* were made for our Sake,
The *Engliſh* pretend, in th' *American* Seas,
A Right to go whither, and do what they pleaſe;
And, far from the Taſte of a modern Adept,
Believe that Old Treaties were made to be kept.
But is not by This the Convention infracted,
Which cancels whate'er had before been contracted?
And in Treaty-making what Head would engage,
If Treaties, when made, were to ſtand a whole Age?
By * numberleſs Proofs it doth plainly appear,
That laſts long enough which wears well a whole Year.
Conventions, and Treaties, like Modes paſs away,
And Yeſterday's Truth may be Falſhood To-day.
But, ſince they inſiſt on theſe Bargains of old,
We publiſh to All what their Agents were told.
Such free Navigation as Theſe might include,
When dreſs'd in ſuch Terms as We could not elude,
We granted their Right; and receiv'd their Pretenſions,
To be thereby debated for future Conventions:
But all *Engliſh* Verſions oblig'd them to baniſh;
Convinc'd that the Meaning was for Us in *Spaniſh*.
Still harſhly and haughtily *Keene* did repeat;
" Firſt give us Free Commerce, and then we will treat."

* *The Reader may dip into the Hiſtory of Public Treaties for twenty Years paſt.*

Whereas We but met to treat That all away.——
Now mark what we * make old Conventions to ſay :
The Treaty of *Utrecht* will have Things remain,
In *America*, juſt as in King *Charles* his Reign.
Now *Charles* was a peaceable neighbourly Prince,
And ſuffer'd no Smuggling, as ſome have done ſince :
The *Engliſh*, like others, our Coaſts were excluded.
Nor find We that *Anne* on this Traffic intruded ;
The Rights of the *Spaniards* ſworn to guarantee,
To and from their own Coaſts all her Subjects were free ;
Their Claims went no farther ; nor did She pretend
To ſettle *New Georgia's*, old Frontiers extend :
Yet ſome Things She promis'd, were not executed ;
And theſe, we maintain, are the Points now diſputed.
Take the *Dutch* for Example : With them We agreed,
On † Laws fundamental that Trade ſhould proceed.
Theſe All but true *Spaniards* exclude from our Shores ;
And Theſe Laws did their Highneſſes vow to enforce :
Nor claim'd They a Title in Old Stipulations,
But juſt to and from their acknowledg'd Plantations ;
To our Sovereignty leaving whatever defin'd is,
In Maps or Deſcriptions, *The Spaniſh Weſt Indies.*

* *For if theſe Conventions are read impartially, and throughout, they will be found to ſay very different Things for Themſelves.*

† *Theſe fundamental Laws are founded on a pretended Grant from the Pope, which the* Spaniards *ſay gives them a Right to all* America.

Now

Now our Prohibition to All being given,
It follows, the Point at which *England* has driven,
(Without which, indeed, our * good Subjects muſt ſtarve;
But much better ſo, than from Treaties to ſwerve)
Tends only that clandeſtine Trade to continue,
Which yearly adds Millions t' our mutual Revenue.
Yet howe'er advantageous, a Thing that is ſpurious,
In itſelf is unlawful, and therefore injurious.

But mind how ſurpriſing is this their odd Notion!
Theſe People aſſume the Command of the Ocean;
(In *Europe* aſſume it, and call it *Britannic*,
And put all the neighbouring Pow'rs in a Panic;
Require foreign Captains to lower their Hats,
And e'en make them pay for the Catching of Sprats;)
All this by no greater, nor ſtronger an Act,
Than that, without Queſtion, they have it in Fact.
Now can they believe, who by Nature are ſuited
To force what they claim, were it ever diſputed,
That We have leſs Right over all other Pow'rs;
Where We neither can force it, nor prove it once ours?

For what We have ſaid in our proper Behoof,
We gather from Treaties another good Proof.

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* *It is allow'd, that the* Spaniards *are not able to ſupply their* American *Subjects on their Bottoms.*

" Each *American* Claimant ſhall Lordſhip retain
" O'er what's rightfully His, both of Rivers and Main."
From whence it reſults, as th' eſtabliſh'd Opinion,
That in ſome one Peculiar is fix'd the Dominion;
And *Free Navigation* lies only in This,
That Nothing be acted what He thinks amiſs.
Now th' *American* Seas We think can belong
To none but Ourſelves; then, the *Engliſh* are wrong.
This Senſe, and this only, We natural name;
And would but the *Engliſh* come into the ſame,
They ſoon would perceive They had no Cauſe to grumble,
Nor ſend out huge Navies their Neighbours to humble.
Ourſelves to aggrandize was all our Intention,
Which She contravening, infring'd the Convention.
That—only Herſelf was, in Fact, to maintain:
We, juſt as our Goodneſs thought fit to explain.
We granted and ſign'd on this very Condition,
Which now to our Friends We refer, with Submiſſion.
What Example now, pray, can theſe People preſent
Of Juſtice deny'd, where no Juſtice was meant?
Yet, as We much tremble at Cannons and Bombs,
We think that each Party it fairly becomes,

* *His Majeſty refers to the 15th Article of the Treaty of 1670.*

To

To ſee that no * Anger be ſhewn or declar'd,
'Till both ſhall be willing, as well as prepar'd.
Had *England* no Motives to fit out Her Fleet?
Then why is She ſurly, and backward to treat?
Why prays She her Friends to appear on the Deep,
To fill us with Terror, awake and aſleep?
Doubtleſs Her Allies, could they ſee any Reaſon,
And could We be dreadful, would join Her in Seaſon.
But now all our Neighbours We beg and beſeech,
(And pray it be Part of our laſt dying Speech)
To note how That Nation has turn'd all her Wits
To fright Us to Death, and our Queen into Fits:
Whereas 'tis our Aim, as We told You at firſt,
To keep to thoſe Notions, in which We were nurs'd;
To quit no Advantage in Honour or Trade,
And never do Juſtice, but when We are made.

* *Tho'* England, *according to His Majeſty, by its poſterior Contraventions, has evaded and annull'd the Convention; yet notwithſtanding theſe Evadings and Annullings, the Convention ſtill ſubſiſts in full Force and Vigour, and cannot be diſſolved but by mutual Conſent. Moſt excellent Ligick! And worthy a Grandſon of* Louis XIV.

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